

Drawing," the portions being added are underlined; and the portions being deleted are enclosed in brackets.

REMARKS

This response is being submitted after the shortened three-month statutory period set for responding to the Office Action that was mailed on November 30, 2001. Therefore, a petition and a fee for an extension are enclosed herewith.

In item 2 on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner objects to Figure II. This objection is now moot and should be withdrawn because this response amends Figure II.

In item 3 on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects currently pending Claims 56-93, 108, and 109 for allegedly being indefinite. This rejection should be withdrawn because currently pending Claims 56-93, 108, and 109 are clear and definite to someone with ordinary skill in the art.

In items 4-7 on pages 3-4 of the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects the currently pending claims for allegedly being anticipated by or obvious in view of the cited documents. The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Allowance of the application at an early date is solicited.

The Applicants reserve the right to seek protection for any